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Abstract

The objective of this project is the development of an integrated suite of technologies focusing on end-to-end software development supporting requirements analysis, design, implementation, and verification [Bro04a]. This final progress report summarizes the work that has been performed within this project. It contains an overview about the project's achievements in respect to original problem statement, the technical work of the related work packages, and reports on our cooperations with leading US institutes.

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1 Problem Studied

The tight integration of requirements elicitation, validation, verification, and documentation allows iterative, or evolutionary, development processes to produce systems more efficiently than classical top-down development processes. This integration requires suitable means for organizing and interrelating the different documents that are created during development. Especially for large systems, machine support for creating and organizing these documents is desirable and necessary. The advent of powerful techniques for requirements tracing (as, e.g., exhibited by the DOORS tool) as well as recent advances in validation/verification technology let time seem ripe for an integration of these approaches into one single integrated CASE tool framework. Such a framework would allow for significantly reducing the cost of systems development.

The cost of quality assurance (active and passive) is usually recognized to be one key cost driving factor. Shorter time-to-market and more complex problems are likely to even increase the importance—and thus cost—of this factor. This is particularly true for embedded systems which are deployed in large numbers (e.g., automotive controllers or smart cards).

Commonly accepted approaches to reducing the cost of quality assurance include model based development processes, extensive testing and documentation, controlled requirements tracing, and the application of sophisticated verification and test case generation techniques.

The project aims at fostering *cooperations* with renowned research institutes in the US, in particular with the Stanford Research Institute and Prof. Zohar Manna's REACT Group at Stanford University, in the field of embedded systems design based on synchronous, time-triggered architectures. The goal is to develop an *integrated approach* to modeling, tracing, and verifying embedded automotive systems, together with dedicated *tool support*. It is expected that the prospective results carry over to other application domains as well.

The project main topics include: *Requirements tracing, verification techniques, and testing* for synchronous systems.

Requirements Tracing An entire process for requirements tracing needs an integration of a modeling tool (e. g. AutoFOCUS) and a requirements management tool (e. g. DOORS from Telelogic, one of the most popular requirements management tools available). Such an integrated toolbox would be able to be used for capturing and structuring requirements. It would provide support for incremental system development. The relations between informal requirements, formal requirements, test cases, verification properties and system design would be documented and it is possible to validate whether the requirements are fulfilled by the system design or not. This advanced tool support would lead to less errors in system analysis, design and implementation resulting in lower system development costs.

Verification of Synchronous Systems To support the verification approach of quality assurance in the development process, an integration of the modeling tool (AutoFOCUS) and the requirements management tool (DOORS) together with verification tools (automatic and interactive) is necessary.

An integrated tool box must support the export of models into formal theories of the verification tool and the translation of suitable classes of requirements (universal properties) from the requirements management tool into temporal logic and predicate logic specifications.

In addition to the implementation work, preliminary theoretical work must determine formalizations of synchronous models that are amenable to interactive verification. In addition, abstraction techniques must be explored to make verification feasible.

Testing Synchronous Systems Because of gaps in a formally based development process, such as interactions of software with hardware devices or the integration of a system into an existing one, mathematically established propositions on the level of models yet have to be complemented by test cases for the actual implementation. In addition, the complexity of industrial systems makes them not always amenable to a complete mathematical analysis (e.g., the state space explosion problem). Specialized techniques for deriving test sequences, together with a methodologically founded strategy for selecting test sequences, is thus a necessary supplement to verification technologies.

2 Summary of Most Important Results

In this section, we highlight the most important results obtained in each of the research areas *Requirements tracing*, *verification techniques*, and *testing* for synchronous systems. Furthermore, we report on case studies carried out, summarize the project's documentation, and describe the cooperation with leading US research institutes and universities established and strengthened within the project.

2.1 Requirements Tracing

We have defined a requirements engineering process that delivers and maintains a formal specification, realized tools supporting this process, and worked out modeling formalisms for requirements.

Integrated Development Process We worked out the definition of a requirements engineering process that delivers a formal specification and allows maintenance of the specification. The task of requirements engineering is to find a way from the informal and unstructured requirements to a precise (formal) and structured description of the system to be developed. We developed a set of concepts and developed a tool to support a process using these concepts. This tool is strongly integrated into the AutoFOCUS tool. The process has following iterative steps (need not to be performed in this order):

- *Getting Requirements.* The requirements are elicited. This can be done by interviews, workshops etc.

- *Refinement and Development.* The given information is structured in a refinement relation. The task is here to justify the existence of requirements. The sources of these relations are business goals.
- *Structuring Requirements.* The requirements are structured by classification and by model elements. According to their classification the requirements can be connected to formal model elements. They can either motivate the existence of an element or they can describe a property of the element.
- *Analysis and Completion/Correction.* The models are used to guide the requirements engineers to ask questions regarding the completeness and the consistency of the specification and thus revise the specification.

The method has been developed for the following views: *Structure, model, and data-type*.

We have developed the specification framework FIRE (*"Formal and Informal Requirements Embedding"*) that integrates informal and formal requirements, defines their relationships, and sets the foundation for requirements pre- and post-tracing. Within that framework, we have focused on the details of formally capturing requirements; therefore we have developed a formal language, which bases on the AutoFOCUS formalism [HSSS96, SH99], and which extends it with new elements and mechanisms. The interaction view of AutoFOCUS (sequence charts) was extended and adapted to the project's scope. This allows formalizing many types of functional requirements.

The requirements engineering process FIRE and the requirements tracing tool support AutoRAID [Tea04b] was documented by publications:

- Bernhard Schätz, Markus Pister, and Alexander Wisspeintner. Anforderungsanalyse in der modellbasierten Entwicklung am Beispiel von AutoFocus. *Softwaretechnik-Trends*, 24(1), 2004. In German
- Bernhard Schätz, Andreas Fleischmann, Eva Geisberger, and Markus Pister. Model-based requirements engineering with autoraid. In *Proceedings of Informatik 2005 Workshop Modellbasierte Qualitätssicherung*, 2005
- Bernhard Schätz, Andreas Fleischmann, Eva Geisberger, and Markus Pister. Modellbasierte Anforderungsentwicklung. In *Workshop*

"Object-Oriented Software-Engineering" (OOSE), NetObjectDays 2005, September 2005. In German

Requirements Tracing Tool Integration Prototype In the project proposal we have suggested to realize an integration of the requirements management tool DOORS from Telelogic and the CASE tool AutoFOCUS to allow for requirements tracing between textual requirements and AutoFOCUS model elements. After investigating the technical possibilities for integrating the tools we concluded that a tight integration using one joint data repository is not possible.

In consequence of this fact, the proposed requirements engineering functionality was realized directly as part of our AutoFOCUS CASE tool. The AutoRAID extension [Tea04b] of AutoFOCUS has been built. For a documentation of AutoRAID, see [Tea04a].

Modeling Formal Requirements We developed a new diagram type – the *Service Configuration Diagram* – that is integrated into our description technique AutoFOCUS. This diagram type is used to describe changes of active functionalities during system execution. In [KSTW04] we have described a service based modeling process using the *Service Configuration Diagrams*. In contrast to most component based approaches our method focuses on identifying single system functionalities. The modeling process is applicable during both requirements analysis and design phase. The modeling process together with the AutoFOCUS description technique and the new Service Configuration Diagrams are suitable for modeling user requirements in a precise way.

We further worked on semi-automatically extracting formal ontologies from informal requirement specifications. The work is presented in the PhD. thesis of Leonid Kof:

- Leonid Kof. *Text Analysis for Requirements Engineering*. PhD thesis, Technische Universität München, 2005

The AutoFOCUS semantics is message asynchronous and time synchronous according to the classification given in [SBHW03]. The time synchrony is responsible for the existence of implicit time constraints in the AutoFOCUS models. The time constraints are reasonable within design

models but within the context of requirements analysis models, it is often desirable to abstract from time and only consider the core functionalities.

We decided to develop a time asynchronous semantics for the classic AutoFOCUS diagram types *System Structure Diagram (SSD)* and *State Transition Diagram (STD)*. This semantics is based on the given time synchronous AutoFOCUS semantics, abstracts from time constraints and is suitable for modeling requirements. The semantics is formalized using a translation between AutoFOCUS and the specification language Focus [BS01].

The core ideas of the new semantics were published in:

- Manfred Broy. Time, abstraction, causality, and modularity in interactive systems. In *FESCA 2004. Workshop at ETAPS 2004*, pages 1–8, 2004

The formal specification language SALT was developed and documented mainly within the master thesis by Jonathan Streit [Str06]:

- Jonathan Streit. Development of a programming language like temporal logic specification language. Master’s thesis, Fakultät für Informatik, Technische Universität München, 2006. URL <http://salt.in.tum.de>

Its gist was presented to the research community in the following publication [BLS06]:

- Andreas Bauer, Martin Leucker, and Jonathan Streit. SALT—structured assertion language for temporal logic. In *Proceedings of the Eighth International Conference on Formal Engineering Methods*, Lecture Notes in Computer Science, September 2006

The work and its extensions is extensively documented on SALT’s homepage at salt.in.tum.de.

The time asynchronous semantics for the classic AutoFOCUS diagram types *System Structure Diagram (SSD)* and *State Transition Diagram (STD)* were formalized and documented in the dissertation (Ph.D. thesis) of Alexander Wißpeintner [Wiß06]:

- Alexander Wißpeintner. *Verhaltensinvariante Transformation von Entwurfsmodellen Reaktiver Systeme – Eine Adaption der Refactoring-Technik auf gezeitete Modelle unter Verwendung eines formalen Verhaltensäquivalenzbegriffs*. Dissertation, Fakultät für Informatik, Technische Universität München, 2006. In German

2.2 Verification of Synchronous Systems

For verifying synchronous systems we anticipated the integration of two established verification tools in the AutoFOCUS framework, namely PVS (from SRI International, [Rus97, OS99]) and STeP (from Stanford University, [MtSg95]). After consulting SRI International we decided to realize an AutoFOCUS-SAL translation instead of an AutoFOCUS-PVS translation. The reasons for this decision are given in the following paragraphs. This translation was designed during a one month stay at SRI International in Menlo Park (see Section 2.6) in close collaboration with the respective provider of the verification tool.

SAL [Sha00, BGL⁺00, dMOS03] provides a very powerful verification environment for synchronous and asynchronous systems by combining model checking with decision procedures (ICS, [FORS01]). Therefore SAL is particularly suitable for performing verification tasks on AutoFOCUS-models and we expect significantly better results from an AutoFOCUS-SAL-STeP integration than from an AutoFOCUS-PVS-STeP integration. However, an AutoFOCUS-PVS translation might be a future issue and is presumably realized by SRI International as a PVS-SAL integration [For03].

The AutoFOCUS-SAL integration is straightforward, as SAL supports synchronous composition and the required data type constructs. The design of the translation from AutoFOCUS to SAL was constructed in collaboration with the Computer Science Laboratory of SRI International. It is documented in [Wis06] and we have prototypically implemented the translation within the AutoFOCUS-Quest framework.

Concerning the anticipated STeP [MtSg95] translation, the synchronous AutoFOCUS models have to be transformed into asynchronously communicating STeP models with an appropriate synchronization mechanism. For the actual translation we choose an interleaving model for representing parallel composed AutoFOCUS components, as an explicit generation of the cross product of the component's transition relation leads to unsuitable large transitions. Due to the use of the interleaving composi-

tion, the verification properties have to be strengthened in order to hold for the interleaving system. In collaboration with Zohar Manna's group from Stanford University, we performed experiments toward systematically strengthening properties for inductive proofs on interleaving system models.

In general, however, interactive verification approaches turn out to be time consuming. We therefore decided to extend AutoFOCUS's automatic and lightweight verification capabilities. Within the work topic "verification tools" we integrated the explicit state model checker *SPIN* [Hol97, Hol03] into the AutoFOCUS CASE tool. The work was partly done within the following master thesis:

- Markus Strohmeier. Modellbasierte Validierung verteilter Komponenten: Kopplung von AutoFocus und SPIN. Diplomarbeit, Technische Universität München, January 2005. In German

Furthermore, we integrated Stanford's *LOLA* system [DSS⁺05] for *run-time verification* into AutoFOCUS, allowing to find bugs while simulating models, even when model checking approaches fail due to too large state spaces. Additionally, Andreas Bauer examined extensions to runtime verification, especially in his thesis:

- Andreas Bauer. *Model-based runtime analysis of distributed reactive systems*. PhD thesis, Institut für Informatik, Technische Universität München, 2007

Abstraction techniques in the context of AutoFOCUS have been worked out in the following master thesis [Sas06]:

- Ernst Sassen. Abstrakte Modellinterpretation: Design und prototypische Implementierung eines Abstrakten Modell-Interpreters. Master's thesis, Fakultät für Informatik, Technische Universität München, 2006

2.3 Testing Synchronous Systems

In [PLP04] we presented a CLP (Constraint Logic Programming) based test case generator integrated into the AutoFOCUS CASE tool.

The CLP based test case generator was used to extract test cases from a formal communication protocol specification. These test cases were used to validate the informal parts of the protocol specification with the aim to identify ambiguities. Furthermore the test cases were used to carry out hardware in the loop tests of automotive control units.

In [PP04] we classified and discussed different kinds of abstraction for building test models and using these models for test case generation.

The CLP based test case generator was extended with a strategy for storing sets of states to enhance the efficiency of the initial version. This technology avoids certain loops in the search algorithm and therefore prevents the test case generator from running into infinite loops.

A process for developing special test models based on the AutoFOCUS modeling language was established. The test models are used to automatically derive test cases by applying the AutoFOCUS test case generator. Different abstraction techniques are used to derive test models from existing specification models.

The results of the work are documented in the following dissertation (PhD. thesis):

- Wolfgang Ludwig Johann Prenninger. *Inkrementelle Entwicklung von Verhaltensmodellen zum Test von reaktiven Systemen*. Dissertation, Technische Universität München, July 2005. In German

As an alternative to the test case generator developed by the AutoFOCUS team, the SAL test case generator [HdMR04, HMR05] has also been integrated into AutoFOCUS. For this, translations from AutoFOCUS models into SAL specifications are enriched by trap variables denoting the test goal. Furthermore, SAL test cases have to be translated back to AutoFOCUS' data structures.

The concept of this approach is documented in [Wis06]:

- Alexander Wisspeintner. Using the SAL automated test case generator on AutoFocus models. Technical note, Fakultät für Informatik, Technische Universität München, May 2006

The migration between existential and universal properties has been addressed using automata learning techniques. Such learning techniques allow to derive models comprising the complete system behavior, if only some system behavior is given. Learning techniques for timed systems have been developed in [GJL04b, GJL04a]:

- Olga Grinchtein, Bengt Jonsson, and Martin Leucker. Learning of event-recording automata. In *Proceedings of the Joint Conferences FORMATS and FTRTFT*, volume 3253 of *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, September 2004
- Olga Grinchtein, Bengt Jonsson, and Martin Leucker. Inference of timed transition systems. In *6th International Workshop on Verification of Infinite-State Systems*, volume 138 of *Electronic Notes in Theoretical Computer Science*. Elsevier Science Publishers, 2004

Interestingly, conformance test suites and exemplifying system behavior for learning may coincide, as shown in [BGJ⁺05]:

- Therese Berg, Olga Grinchtein, Bengt Jonsson, Martin Leucker, Harald Raffelt, and Bernhard Steffen. On the correspondence between conformance testing and regular inference. In Maura Cerioli, editor, *Fundamental Approaches to Software Engineering, FASE'05*, volume 3442 of *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, pages 175–189. Springer, 2005

2.4 Case Study

We have used a small traffic lights specification as running example for illustrating the design of the AF-STeP and AF-SAL integrations. As real drive-by-wire applications have not been realized in practice yet, we based the evaluation of the requirements of the requirements engineering process on a specification of a car control unit of DaimlerChrysler [HP02]. The specification describes a door control system realizing several comfort functions, for example central locking, electronic window lift and electronic seat adjustment.

The service based modeling process was applied to model the electronic seat adjustment system of a car. The case study is documented in [KSTW04].

The test process described in the previous section was applied in a concrete case study. Subject of the case study was testing the network master device of a MOST (media oriented systems transport) network, a new network standard for automotive multimedia applications. The results of the case study are documented in [Pre05, Chapter 7].

We formulated a security state model of an EMV CPA Card Application [EMV05] in AutoFOCUS for deriving test cases showing conformance of an implementation with the standard. For this, we applied the AutoFOCUS-SAL test case generator.

In the Common Component Modeling Example Contest [BFH⁺07] we showed how to specify and develop a cash desk application, which is a typical distributed system consisting of embedded controllers (e. g. a credit card reader or the barcode scanner) as well as components for data storage (e. g. the inventory). For specification and development we were using AutoFOCUS with its component-oriented FOCUS based approach. There we applied a rigorous development process based on different levels of abstraction, which trace from requirements to implementation. These comprise the partial behavior descriptions of application services, total behavior descriptions of logical components and the deployment of the complete system in a defined execution environment, which resembles the FOCUS semantics. The implementation was gathered by code generation from the AutoFOCUS model. The results of this case study are described in:

- Manfred Broy, Jorge Fox, Florian Hölzl, Dagmar Koss, Marco Kuhrmann, Michael Meisinger, Birgit Penzenstadler, Sabine Rittmann, Bernhard Schätz, Maria Spichkova, and Doris Wild. Service-oriented modeling of cocome with focus and autofocus. In *The Common Component Modeling Example: Comparing Software Component Models*, LNCS. Springer, November 2007. to appear

2.5 Project Documentation

The project documentation evolved with the project progress. In total

- 2 journal papers [SPW04, PLP04],
- 4 conference papers [PP04, GJL04b, BGJ⁺05, BLS06],
- 6 workshop papers [KSTW04, SFGP05a, SFGP05b, Bro04b, GJL04a, BFH⁺07],
- 1 technical report [Wis06],
- 4 PhD theses [Kof05, Pre05, Wiß06, Bau07],

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- 1 BSc thesis [Fab05]

have been written by our group with (partial) support by the project.

The AutoRAID tool is further described in [Tea04a, Tea04b]. SALT is documented also on SALT's homepage at `salt.in.tum.de`.

2.6 Cooperation with US Institutes

A side objective of the project was the establishment of cooperations with leading US institutes in the project's research areas. Within a one month stay of the two research associates *Heiko Loetzbeyer* and *Alexander Wispeintner* at SRI International in Menlo Park, we could initiate tighter cooperations with SRI International and Stanford University. *Martin Leucker* was visiting SRI too, as well as Stanford University (REACT Group). Furthermore *Bernhard Schätz* was visiting the Center for Hybrid and Embedded Software Systems at the University of California, Berkeley.

SRI International:

In collaboration with the Computer Science Laboratory of SRI International we designed the AutoFOCUS-SAL translation and examined the use of SAL technology for test case generation. Thanks to *Patrick Lincoln*, *John Rushby*, *Natarajan Shankar*, *Leonardo de Moura*, *Ashish Tiwari* and *Gregoire Hamon* for their contribution to the translation and the many discussions we had during our visit at SRI International. While working at SRI, we experienced a strong commitment of SRI to our common goals and intend to continue our cooperation in future.

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